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but we will compromise on "lady" as nearest to meaningless, and therefore most used.

And we think he is right. If there is to be an unwritten law, its privileges should be enjoyed by both sexes, and if a little of unwritten law is a good thing, a lot of it must be better. Under any code that ever was or ever will be put on paper, Dr. Butler's boast, if he made it, was nothing more than a violation of good taste as it might be expected to exist among accomplices in transgression of the fundamental social properties. The unwritten law, it seems, makes this a capital offense. Evidently the unwritten code is extending rapidly.—New York Times.

IN VACATION.

A Comprehensive Opinion.—The opinion of the court in the case of *Pierson v. Edwards*, 22 Hun. 462, where the judgment of a county court was reversed, and that of a justice affirmed, briefly but fully disposes of the case as follows: "Held, that the defendants killed the right dog and at the right time."

A Real Estate Operation.—The following description in a deed on record in a certain county of North Carolina is copied unchanged from the Book of Deeds, with the exception, only, of the name of the unfortunate landowner: "Beginning at Beck's South corner running thence North 50 feet; thence West 50 feet; thence South 50 feet; thence East 50 feet to beginning, this being a plot of land 50 feet square cut from the back end of the said Jemima Jones."

Description of Boundaries.—This even surpasses a boundary said to be given in a Deed Book in one of the mountain counties of Kentucky, which may be found as follows. It is a deed of partition:

"Beginning at a lily pad in the branch between Sarah and Jane H—, thence in a kinder northerly direction to a mudhole, thence in a still furerder northerly direction to the top of the pint; thence leaving the pint and meandering around the ridges ontwell you git to the beginning; splitting the said Sarah from the said Jane, each of whom contains 840 acres more or less, tho' it is thought that Jane holds a few more acres than Sarah, but as Sarah is flatter than Jane it is not to count."

The Same Act.—An old negro was recently brought before a justice in Mobile. It seemed that Uncle Mose had fallen foul of a bulldog while in the act of entering the hen-house of the dog's owner.

"Look here, Uncle Mose," the justice said, informally, "didn't I give you ten days last month for this same thing? Same hen-house you were trying to get in. What have you got to say for yourself?"

Uncle Mose scratched his head.

"Mars Willyum, yo' sent me ter de chain-gang fer tryin' ter steal some chickens, didn't ye?"

"Yes, that was the charge."

"An' don't de law say yo' can't be charged twice wid de same 'fence?"

"That no man shall be twice placed in jeopardy for the identical act, yes."

"Den, sah, yo' des hab ter let me go, sah. Ah war after de same chickens, sah!"

They "Divvy."—"What have you to offer to offset these charges?" asked the Court, severely.

"Not a thing, Jedge," replied the prisoner, "not a thing unless you can get my lawyer to divide. He seen me first."—Philadelphia Ledger.

Virginia Homicides.—An exchange devotes considerable space to "Another serious killing in Virginia." From which it appears that not every killing in that State is to be regarded as a joke.—Washington Post.

Women at the Polls.

Somewhere out West where women vote

There is a regulation note

To this effect—for men, of course,

Before the women joined the force—

That every voter, when he votes

Inside the booth, must let all see

His lower limbs up to the knee.

And now the women—well, they pause

Ere they obey the election laws.

—W. J. Lampton, in N. Y. World.